

REMARKS

Please consider the Information Disclosure Statement submitted under a February 8, 2006 Certificate of Mailing Date. Although this February 8, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement did not contain any certification, the Applicant provides the following certification with respect to such recently submitted prior art.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained on the Information Disclosure Statement, submitted under a February 8, 2006 Certificate of Mailing Date, was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office(s) in a counterpart foreign application(s) not more than three (3) months prior to the date of filing of that Statement.

Notwithstanding this, in the event that any petition or an official fee is still required in connection with considering the same, please consider this to be the same and charge any associated official fee to be Deposit Account listed below.

The drawings are amended, per the attached Submission, to show the features of claims 57 and 59 while claims 60-66 are canceled from this application. It is respectfully submitted that since claims 57 and 59 provide basis for the entered drawings amendments, no new matter is entered by the same. New Replacement Sheets of formal drawings, accompany this Submission, incorporate all of the requested drawing amendments. If any further amendment to the drawings is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

Claims 38, 39, 41-43, 45, 51, 53-55 and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. The rejected claims are accordingly amended, by the above claim amendments, and the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections.

The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection(s) and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

Claims 34, 35, 41, 43, 35, 49-52, 54-56 and 64-66 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Heinzl '407 while claims 59-63 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Heinzl '407. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised anticipatory and obviousness rejections in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 36-39, 42, 46, 47, 53 and 57 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with this indication, the subject matter of claim 39 is incorporated into claim 34 and amended independent claim 34 is now believed to be allowable. In addition, claims 36 and 38 are both appropriately revised, to be independent claims, and those two (2) amended independent claims are now believed to be allowable as well. As all of the remaining claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claims 34 or 36, those dependent claims are believed to be allowable as well.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn at this time. If the Examiner disagrees with the Applicant's view concerning the withdrawal of the outstanding rejection(s) or applicability of the Heinzl '407 reference, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate the specific passage or passages, or the drawing or drawings, which contain the necessary teaching,

suggestion and/or disclosure required by case law. As such teaching, suggestion and/or disclosure is not present in the applied references, the raised rejection should be withdrawn at this time. Alternatively, if the Examiner is relying on his/her expertise in this field, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter an affidavit substantiating the Examiner's position so that suitable contradictory evidence can be entered in this case by the Applicant.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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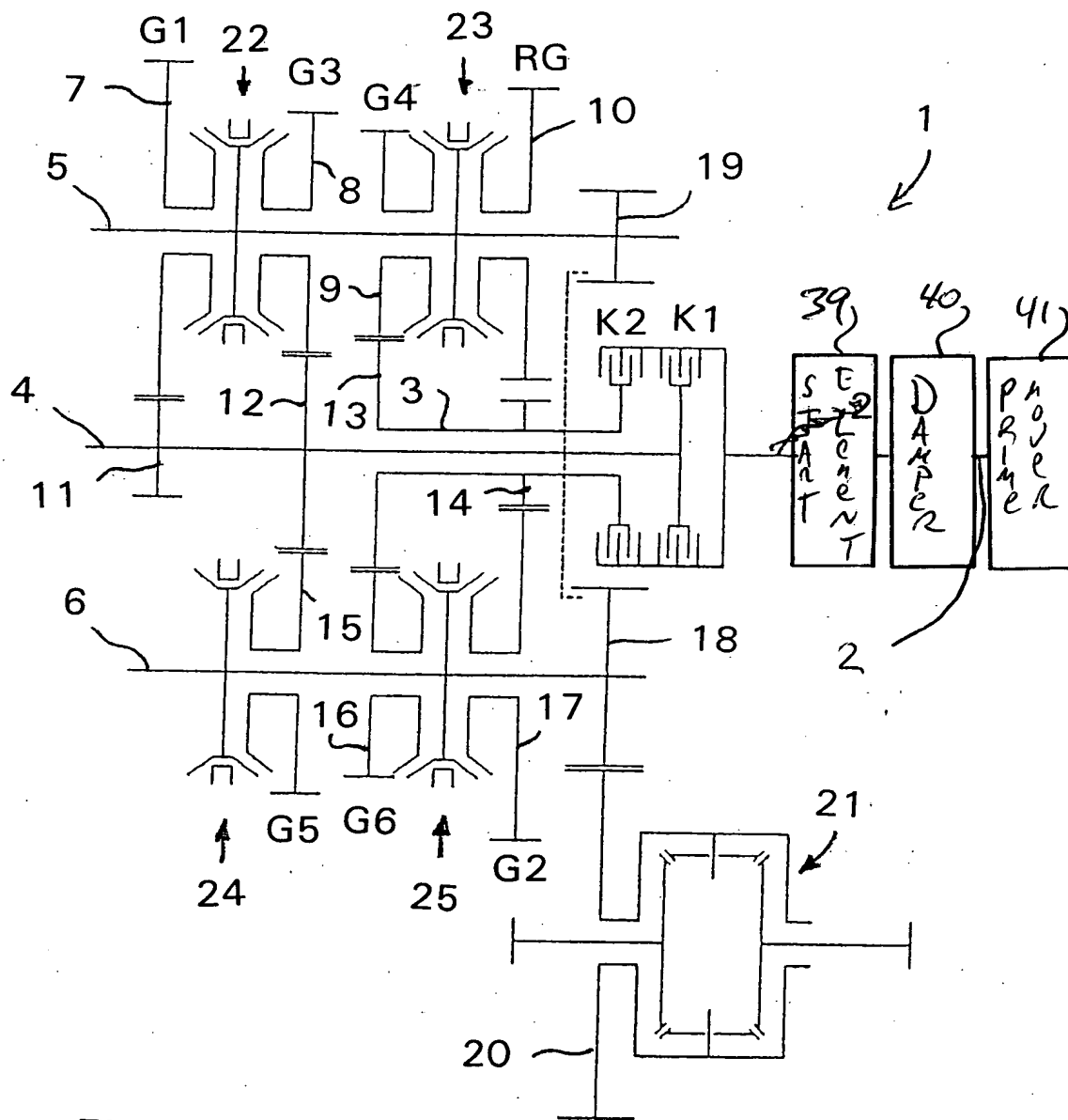


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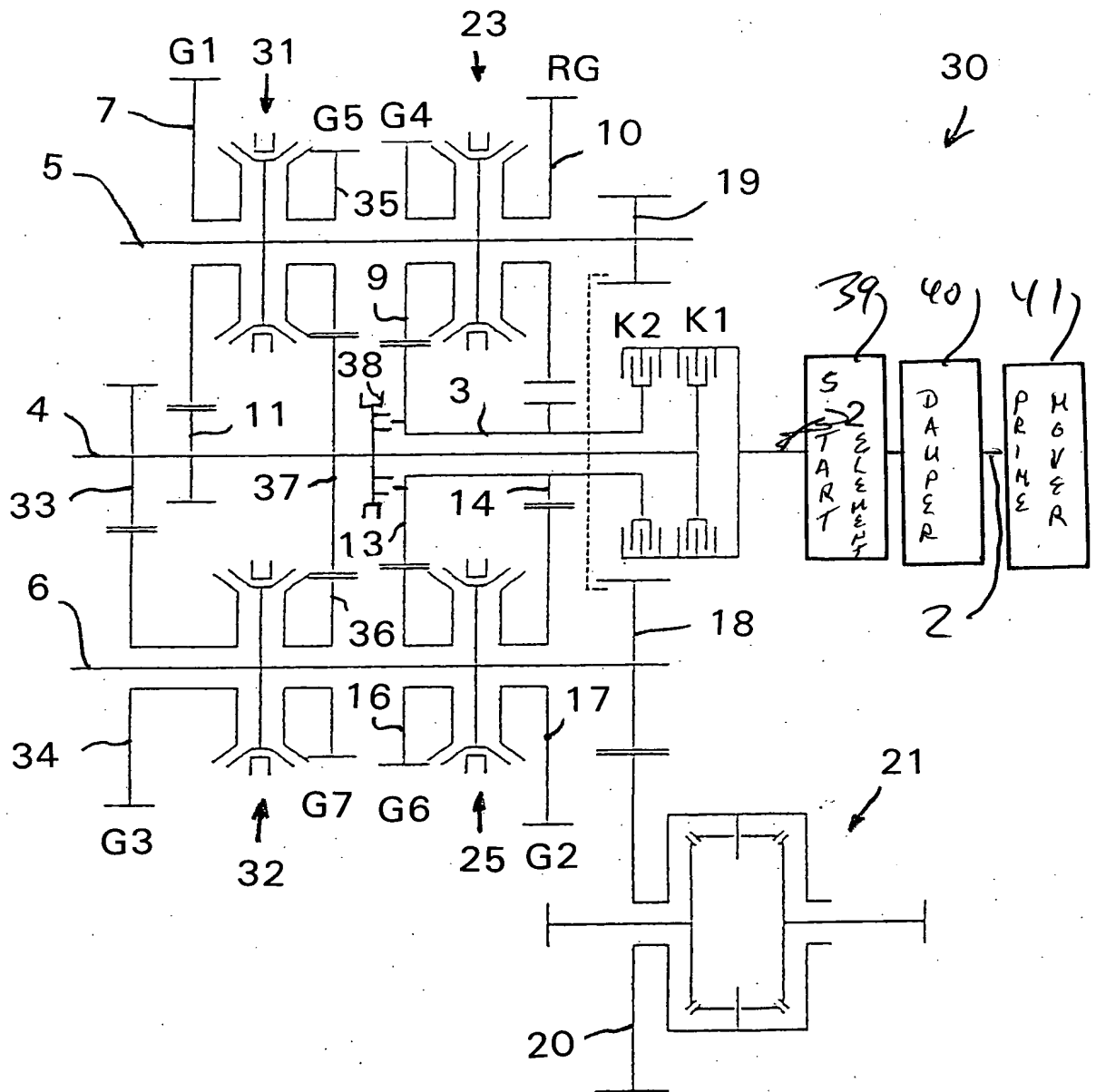


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